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SUBJECT: GOI INTEREST IN OMEGA AND FRENCH NAVAL DEPLOY-
MENT IN INDIAN OCEAN

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QUAI TELLS US THAT INDIAN EMBASSY RECENTLY RAISED WITH
FRENCH QUESTION OF OMEGA INSTALLATION ON REUNION (REF A)
AND DEPLOYMENT OF FRENCH NAVAL UNITS IN INDIAN OCEAN
(REF B). QUAI BELIEVES THAT INDIANS WERE SATISFIED BY
FRENCH EXPLANATION THAT OMEGA IS LEGITIMATE NAVIGATION
SYSTEM AND NOT "COVER" FOR U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE. ON
FRENCH DEPLOYMENTS TO INDIAN OCEAN, HOWEVER, OUR QUAI
SOURCES TELL US THAT INDIANS WERE NOT COMPLETELY SATIS-
FIED WITH FRENCH EXPLANATION THAT NATIONAL INTEREST OF
FRANCE REQUIRES THAT IT "SHOW THE FLAG", ESPECIALLY IN
LIGHT OF SOVIET, U.S. AND UK NAVAL PRESENCE IN INDIAN
OCEAN. QUAI UNDERLINED TO US THAT GOI INTERVENTIONS
WERE LIMITED TO SEEKING INFORMATION, AND WERE NOT IN
ANY WAY, PRESENTED AS "PROTESTS."

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